

STAFF NEWS

Two archive employees had significant changes in their positions starting with the new fiscal 2022-2023 year.

Donna Cox Briggs was promoted to Deputy County Archivist effective July 1st, 2022. Donna began working in the archives as a volunteer in 2012. She became a part-time archive assistant in July 2016. A year later, she became a full-time employee. Subsequently, she served as Archive Associate. She is a native of Sullivan County and was actively involved in genealogical and historical research prior to joining the archives. For a number of years, she was a key member of the Washington County Cemetery Survey Team—documenting hundreds of cemeteries in Washington County.

Effective July 5th, 2022, Britney Helton became a full-time employee of the department with the title of Archive Associate. She began working in the archives in the summer of 2019 as a volunteer soon after graduating from East Tennessee State University with a degree in history. She became a part-time employee of the archives in March 2020 as archive assistant. In December 2021, she completed a master's degree in information sciences at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Britney is a Hawkins County native with a love of our region's history.

The department is very fortunate to have both women working for it, especially with their unique skill sets, knowledge, and experience. Congratulations!

###